

**REMARKS**

Applicants' representative discussed independent claims 1, 14, 17 and 21 in a telephonic conference with the Examiner on September 18, 2007, and it was agreed that the claims would be amended to clarify the connection of the proximal valve cavity with the regulated gas supply. The present claims have been amended accordingly. Applicants submit that these amendments address the Examiner's prior rejection based on § 112 without introducing new questions of patentability. Applicants therefore request the entry of this amendment and respectfully requests that a Notice of Allowance be issued at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Should any additional fees be necessary for a proper response, Applicant requests that Charge Account No. 02-4300 to Smith, Gambrell & Russell be charged for said fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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